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U. S. TAKES OVER R. R. OPERATIONS

NEW SYSTEM TO BE EFFECTIVE
AT NOON ON THIS
DATE.

McADOO NAMED AS HEAD

President Outlines Plan to Unify
Shipping in Proclamation, Con-
gress to Act.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Govern-
ment possession and operation of the
nation's railroads for the war was
proclaimed by President Wilson to-
night, to become effective at noon
next Friday, December 28. William
G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the
Cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury,
is placed in charge as director gen-
eral of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general
transportation, with its appurtenances,
including steamship lines, is taken
over, and all systems will be operat-
ed as one under the director gen-
eral.

In a statement accompanying his
proclamation, the President announ-
ced that as soon as Congress reas-
sembles he will recommend legisla-
tion guaranteeing pre-war earnings
and maintenance of railroad prop-
erties in good repair.

Government backing will be given
to new issues of railroad securities
that a ready market may be found.

Action Is Great Surprise.

The President's move, although
forecast for weeks, came at this time
as a great surprise to nearly every-
body in Washington, including rail-
road officials. It had been gener-
ally believed he would await the reas-
sembling of Congress before taking
any step. He acted through Secre-
tary of War Baker under authority con-
ferred in the army appropriation
act.

Direct management of the roads
will remain in the hands of railroad
officials and the Railroad War Board,
composed of five railroad heads, will
continue to direct actual operation
under Secretary McAdoo's general su-
pervision.

The chief practical effect of the
Government operation will be to per-
mit a complete unification of all rail
systems, impossible under private op-
eration by reason of statutes prohib-
iting pooling of rail traffic and earn-
ings. The roads themselves had gone
as far as they dared in this direction,
and it became known only to-day that
they had been warned by Attorney
General Gregory that a violation of
anti-pooling laws could not be per-
mitted.

This situation was fully realized
by President Wilson, who, in his
statement, declared the roads had
gone as far as they could and that
already some systems were endang-
ering their earnings in attempting uni-
fication.

Local Interurban Lines Exempted.

Although the proclamation ap-
plies to all electric lines engaged in
general transportation, local inter-
urban systems are specifically exempted.

Congress will be asked to guaran-
tee earnings equivalent to the aver-
age net operating income of each
railroad in the three-year period
ending June 30, 1917. Railroad ex-
perts estimate that this will cost the
Government next year in the neigh-
borhood of \$100,000,000, which can
be raised in large part by increased
freights if the interstate Commerce
Commission grants the roads' appli-
cation for the 15 per cent rate in-
crease now pending. Otherwise it
will be paid largely out of the gen-
eral Government funds.

The Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion and other Government agencies
which have to do with the railroads
will continue to perform their func-
tions as heretofore, except that they
will be subject to orders of the direc-
tors of railroads.

RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS.

The local chapter of the Red Cross
has secured headquarters in the Glenn
building, near the Bank of Hartford,
and will be open every afternoon. The
local chapter organized here last
week has already a large member-
ship, and many new names are being

daily added to the list. Judge W.
H. Barnes is Chairman; Mrs. F. B.
DeWitt, Vice-Chairman; Miss Mag-
gie Marks, Secretary, and Miss Het-
tie Riley, Treasurer. Membership is
one dollar, and the money will be
expended for relief work for the sol-
diers. Every patriotic man and wo-
man in the United States should en-
roll as a member.

OHIO COUNTY MAN HONORED.

Prof. R. W. Tinsley, who has been
with the Mississippi State University,
as instructor in modern languages
for the past two years, has been ten-
dered and accepted a position with
the Federal Government, Department
of Justice. Mr. Tinsley gave up his
school work with the close of last
week and reported to the Department
for duty at San Antonio, Texas, on
Sunday. His work will probably be
in the Lone Star State.

Prof. Tinsley relinquished a posi-
tion at the University, a great deal
more desirable, perhaps, than the
one accepted, but felt that in as much
as his services were requested by the
Government, it was his duty to ac-
cept.

The University authorities did not
vacate the position held by Prof.
Tinsley, but gave him leave of ab-
sence.

THROAT IS CUT

Kaiserites Murder U. S. Captured
Soldier.

With the American Army in
France, Dec. 25.—German atrocities
against American soldiers are official-
ly reported. An American sentry has
been found with his throat cut, and
must have been so killed after being
captured.

Information concerning German
savagery has reached the troops in
one of a series of bulletins read to
them by the unit commanders and
posted on the bulletin boards. Here
is what they heard:

"After a raid by the Germans on
trenches held by American troops, a
lone sentry of ——— infantry was
found with his throat cut from ear
to ear. He had been surprised by an
overwhelming force of Germans and
must have been so killed after cap-
ture."

"Such brutality is familiar to old
soldiers who served against savages
in the Philippine campaign."

Another bulletin tells the men
how the Germans, in occupied sec-
tions of France and Belgium, are
turning women and children out of
their homes into the snow, the build-
ings being then given over to soldiers,
horses and material.

5,000 QUARTS CAMOUFLAGED BOOZE SEIZED BY SLEUTHS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Five
thousand quarts of Kentucky whis-
ky, said to have been destined for
Christmas consumption in "bone dry"
territory, much of it in Alabama and
Tennessee, is in the possession of
Federal authorities in Louisville, ac-
cording to announcement to-day. The
seizures have resulted from examina-
tion within the last few days of sus-
picious packages carried by travelers
and of parcels at freight depots in an
effort to discover violations of the
Reed law.

Three thousand quarts, some of it
concealed in lard firkins and much of
it hidden in barrels with top and bot-
tom layers of fruit, is in the custody
of United States Marshal James at
the custom-house, while the remainder
is in possession of District Internal
Revenue Agent Chandler.

CAPT. PERRY KEOWN WEDS NEW MEXICO GIRL.

Capt. Calvin Perry Keown and Miss
Norah Winifred Eads were married at
the home of the bride's sister, Mrs.
B. R. Klein, 1810 East Boulevard, by
Rev. J. F. Williams, pastor First
Baptist church, Tuesday evening.

Captain Keown is in command of
the 144th machine gun company at
Camp Kearney, San Diego, Cal., for-
merly the First New Mexico infan-
try. He formerly was from Ken-
tucky. Most of the members of the
company are from Clovis, N. M. Mrs.
Keown is a resident of Clovis.

Among those present at the wed-
ding were: Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Klein,
Mrs. W. C. Eads, mother of the bride,
Mrs. L. D. White, Dr. J. F. Harlan,
Miss Sadie Scott, William Glaser and
Mrs. B. F. Winters.

After a ten days' visit in El Paso
Captain and Mrs. Keown will go to
San Diego.—El Paso Press.

NOT APPRECIATED



REVOLT PLANNED IN U. S. SUSPECTED

RUSS SHIP WITH MUNITIONS
ABOARD HELD UP BY UNCLE
SAM.

A Pacific Port, Dec. 24.—Federal
officials to-day found packages of am-
munition, several hundred rifles and
a number of bags filled with revolv-
ers buried under the cargo of hides
in the Shilka, a Russian freighter
which arrived here Friday night un-
der control of its Bolshevik crew. Of-
ficials said the cartridges found in the
ammunition packages contained slugs
such as are used by the Germans on
the Eastern front.

The consignment was probably in-
tended, officials said they believed,
for Industrial Workers of the World
or for use of a raider in the Pacific.

Liquor and I. W. W. Papers.

"An investigation to determine
the purpose of those in charge of the
ship will be made immediately," the
United States District Attorney here
to-day said. "We know that the
Shilka is manned by a Bolshevik
crew and apparently is in charge of
a committee of five that took the ves-
sel over after the crew mutinied a
few days out of the Russian port."

"Officials, continuing their search
to-day, discovered a large quantity
of liquor and a number of I. W. W.
newspapers aboard, they announced.
If the munitions were intended for
the I. W. W., officials said, the Shil-
ka probably intended to unload her
cargo here and then proceed to some
prearranged obscure spot on the
coast and put the rifles, revolvers
and ammunition ashore."

Crew May Be Interned.

Among the Federal agents work-
ing on the ship were some who said
they believed the munitions were sent
by the Bolshevik to aid I. W. W. to
foment revolutions in the United
States to further Bolshevik prin-
ciples.

Capt. Boris Dogal, master of the
boat and members of the crew prob-
ably will be interned, officials assert-
ed. Search will be continued until
the entire vessel and cargo is gone
over.

Saturday night unverified rumors
were circulated that the vessel car-
ried \$100,000 sent by Bolshevik to
aid the defense of I. W. W., under
trial in Chicago. Officials have found
no trace of the money.

JAILER'S MOTHER DIES.

Mrs. Nancy T. Midkiff, wife of Geo.
R. Midkiff, died at her home near
Adaburg Tuesday of last week of
tubercular trouble. Her remains
were interred in the Magan burying
ground Wednesday. Mrs. Midkiff was
76 years old, and had been for many
years a consistent member of the
Christian church. She leaves a hus-
band and thirteen children to mourn
her death. Mrs. Midkiff was the
mother of Jailer W. P. Midkiff, of
Hartford.

Dangerous Spy Held.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Federal
officials announced tonight the arrest
of a presidential warrant of Franz
Schulenberg, alleged to be one of the
cleverest, and most dangerous Ger-
man spies operating on the Pacific
coast. According to army officers,
he planned to destroy government
docks and shipping in most of the big
coast ports.

WILSON & McADOO CHAMPION BOSSES

NONE IN NATION'S HISTORY HAD
POWER EQUAL TO BIG
TWO.

By the President's proclamation,
William Gibbs McAdoo becomes the
biggest boss, bar one, in America's
history. The only boss bigger than
he is his father-in-law, Woodrow Wil-
son. In addition to being head of the
Treasury Department, the third most
important executive branch of the
Government (for the War and Navy
Department outrank it now, Mr.
McAdoo will be supreme over the fol-
lowing vast agencies of commerce:

All American railroads.
The Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion.

All steamship lines, railroad-owned.

All railroad officials.

The Railroad War Board.

All electric lines engaged in gener-
al transportation.

All passenger associations.

All freight associations.

There have been bosses and dicta-
tors since the world began, and Cy-
rus, Caesar, Alexander, Charles V.
and Napoleon were fairly widespread
in their influence, but none of them
ever had such vast financial dominion
as Director-General-Secretary Wil-
liam Gibbs McAdoo. The President of
the United States to-day has more
powers than any ruler in the world's
history, but for direct, detailed domi-
nation over great things his interest-
ing son-in-law now runs him a close
second.

MILLERS ARE WARNED TO SAFEGUARD PLANT

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 24.—The
flour millers of Evansville were warn-
ed to-day to guard their plants heavily,
as the Federal Government possesses in-
formation that concerted efforts would be made
in a few days to blow up every im-
portant flour mill in the country.
The plot is said to have been hatched
by German spies.

The warning came from the South-
eastern Millers' Association, of Nash-
ville, Tenn., the large mills in this
city and vicinity being members of
the association. At all the large
mills here extra guards were placed
on watch with rifles, and at some of
the mills special officers appointed by
Chief of Police Edgar Schmitt were
placed on guard, and they are heavily
armed.

FAREWELL DINNER.

Jailer W. P. Midkiff, who will re-
tire from office the first Monday in
January, gave a farewell dinner to
the members of the Fiscal Court, to
which a few friends were invited, last
Friday. The menu consisted of roast
turkey, cranberry sauce and the usual
trimmings that go with a turkey
dinner. The table was liberally sup-
plied with meats, fruits and every-
thing that goes to make up a tempt-
ing meal, and was eaten with grate-
ful appreciation by the invited
guests, who can scarcely repress a
regret that Jailer Midkiff and his
estimable wife will not have another
term as host and hostess at the coun-
ty bastille. The Midkiffs have set the
incoming Tichenors an example of en-
tertaining that will not be easy to
excel. Those present were: Es-
quires, E. Shown, Winslow Smith, W.

S. Dean, S. L. Fulkerson, R. C. Tich-
enor, B. F. Rice and Ben Taylor, and
Messrs. Rowan Holbrook, Claude
Blankenship, Arthur Kirk, Judge
John B. Wilson, Superintendent Oza
Shultz, Charlie Smith, Owen Hunter,
Sheriff S. O. Keown, Editor W. H.
Coombs and John Henry Thomas.

SQUIRE RICE TIES KNOT.

We were permitted to witness the
ease and grace with which Squire Ben
Rice can tie the nuptial, at a little
ceremony in the county court clerk's
office yesterday. The contracting par-
ties were Mr. Ray Moxley and Miss
Pearl Thurman, of Askins, in the
northern part of the county. We
were not advised whether the Squire
was there by appointment or just
happened to be on the spot when his
services were needed, but he respon-
ded to the call with alacrity, and be-
fore the few onlookers knew what
was going to happen the Squire was
tying the knot. The brevity and
beauty of the Squire's ceremony so
appealed to those present that each
of us promised to give him any work
in that line as often as we were in
need of it, and the Squire smiled com-
placently.

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

Perhaps due in some measure to
the absence of buyers who were away
for the holidays tobacco went off
about a dollar a hundred on the loose
leaf floors in Owensboro last week.
Small deliveries have been made of
the pooled tobacco in Ohio county,
and the limited information we have
been able to get in regard to the
matter indicates the deliveries so
made have averaged somewhere be-
tween sixteen and seventeen dollars a
hundred. The Hartford and Narrows
houses report the grading moving
smoothly, but we understand there
has been friction between the grad-
er and company's manager at Fords-
ville.

PLOT SUSPECTED.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Extra
watchmen and special policemen are
on guard here tonight at every plant
and factory where war munitions or
government supplies are being manu-
factured, following an announcement
of the receipt of a warning from the
secret service at Washington to the
effect that German agents were be-
lieved to have selected Christmas eve
as the time to begin a campaign of
ruin and destruction. Manufacturers
received the warning this afternoon
and extra precautions were promptly
taken.

JAMES RENFROW DEAD.

Mr. James O. Renfrow died at his
home near Springfield Sunday
morning and was buried at Sand-
lot last evening ground Monday.
Funeral services were held by Rev.
Walter Green, of Horse Branch. Mr.
Renfrow was 74 years old and
unmarried. He died of pneumonia
fever and was sick only a few days
before his death. He leaves two
brothers and two sisters, William
Renfrow, with whom he lived, and J.
B. Renfrow, of Narrows, and Miss
Bettie Renfrow, and Mrs. Wayne
Stevens, of near Hartford.

MAGISTRATES LAST MEETING.

The Fiscal Court as at present or-
ganized, held its final meeting here
Friday. The only business of im-
portance besides allowing routine
claims was the extension of the term
of the County Farm Agent to Decem-
ber 31, 1918. Heretofore the term
of the Farm Agent expired in May,
and it was thought desirable to have
it expire with the end of the year.
The final hour of the court was de-
voted to speeches by the members,
most of whom will not be members
of the new court. Esquires, Ben
Taylor, S. L. Fulkerson, R. C. Tich-
enor, S. W. Leach, and Winslow
Smith will not be members of the
Fiscal Court that convenes in Janu-
ary. W. S. Dean, B. F. Rice and
Ed Shown will hold over. The new
members of the court will be, Sam
Stevens, George Rowe, Quint Brown,
W. C. Daugherty and B. C. Rhoads.
The retiring Judge, John B. Wilson
made a very sensible talk to the re-
tiring court. Judge Wilson admon-
ished those present that it was the
duty of every one to push and not to
knock, and insisted that the man who
did not try to help to make the in-
coming county administration a suc-
cess was not a good citizen.

WOMAN DIRECTED CHIEF SPY

WAS MASTER MIND OF PLOTS IN
CANADA AND ON PACIFIC
COAST.

STOOD HIGH IN BERLIN

And Was At One Time An Agent of
Wolf Von Igel, Former Secretary
To Franz Von Papen.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A woman,
designated only as "H" and said to
be prominent in the German secret
service, directed the activities of
Franz Schulenberg, alleged master
spy held here on a Presidential war-
rant, according to information di-
vulged today by Federal officials.

Schulenberg is said to have been
active in plans to destroy bridges and
public buildings in Canada and ship-
ping and warehouses in Pacific ports.

Officials said the woman barely es-
caped arrest here four weeks ago, the
day before Schulenberg was captur-
ed. The clew to her part in Schul-
enberg's operations was revealed in a
letter found among his effects. It in-
structed Schulenberg to meet her in
Los Angeles. The letter was post-
marked Cleveland, O. Investigation
showed, officials said, that the wom-
an had been an agent of Wolf von
Igel, former secretary to Franz von
Papen, military attaché of the Ger-
man Embassy at Washington, and
alleged head of the German espion-
age system in this country. She was
described as a person of birth and
education, a brunette, thirty-five
years old.

Sent Schulenberg to America.

According to Federal officials, the
woman sent Schulenberg to the
United States in 1914 for the alleged
purpose of assisting in the main-
tenance of contraband wireless stations
supported by the German government
for the purpose of gaining military in-
formation and transmitting it to Ber-
lin.

Further revelations concerning
Schulenberg's activities disclosed to-
day showed that in February, 1915,
he inserted an advertisement in Spo-
kane, Wash., newspapers, looking to
the purchase of a tract of land on
which to colonize several hundred
Spanish families. These families, Fed-
eral officials said, were Hindus, and
the purpose of their colonization was
to permit them easy entrance into
Canada, where they were to obtain
military information and facts con-
cerning the movements of Canadian
vessels, to assist in raider warfare
conducted in the Pacific ocean by the
Germans. The colonization plan did
not materialize.

Schulenberg's Activities.

Some of Schulenberg's activities,
according to the authorities, have
been traced to Ram Chandra, a Hindu
on trial here, with thirty other per-
sons, charged with attempting to fo-
ment a revolt against British rule in
India. Ram Chandra made several
payments of money to Schulenberg,
officials said.

Schulenberg, according to Federal
officials, was a deserter from the Ger-
man army and was actuated only by
the hope of financial gain. They said
he would not admit his connection
with the woman agent.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

J. C. Matthews, 19, Hartford, to
Bertha May Smith, 20, Centertown.
Noble Thomason, 23, Heflin, to
Pearlie King, 20, Equality.
Monroe Cook, 20, White Run, to
Stella Albin 17, Baizetown.
Ray W. Cummings, 21, Olaton, to
Gola Felix, 16, Olaton.
Thomas Coffman, 19, Centertown,
to Eva Keith Brown, 19, Centertown.
W. C. Douglas, 30, Cromwell, to
Gertrude Datch, 24, Wysox.
Harlan Harris, 25, Hartford, R. 3,
to Icy Green Parks, 23, Hartford,
R. 3.
Garland Royal, 39, Horse Branch,
to Josie M. Bailey, 26, Horse Branch.
Claude Arnold, 26, Horse Branch,
to Cordie Ford, 22, Horton.
Ernest Ford, 20, Horse Branch, to
Nola Calloway, 17, Horse Branch.
Frank Petty, 25, Hartford, to
Lizie Peters, 30, Hartford.
Ray Moxley, 19, Askins, to
Thurman, 17, Askins.

Good Resolutions

By Mary Graham Bonner

"The Animals were talking," commenced Daddy. "They were getting quite excited when along came Pinky Pig, who asked what the trouble was all about."

"The Pigeon family," said Mr. and Mrs. Peacock together, "say that as it is around the New Year they should make resolutions—good resolutions."

"Well," grunted Pinky, "if you'd talk like a sensible animal and not like one of the silly Grown-Ups, perhaps I could get some sort of an idea what you meant. As it is, I don't know at all. What's a resolution, anyway? And are there bad ones and good ones? That's a silly word. Now good means good, and bad means bad, and what right has that word resolution to be both good and bad?"

"Dear me," chuckled Mrs. Hen, "how fribble you are today Pinky. You should be pleasant and try to make good resolutions, too."

"But how can I make something I don't understand?" squeaked Pinky.

"Resolutions," crowed Mr. Rooster, "are resolves! There! That's something for you!" And Mr. Rooster strutted about proudly.

"You see," he continued, "we can resolve to be good or we can resolve to be bad. And when a New Year is beginning it is well to resolve to be good."

"That's non-sense," grunted Pinky. "I don't care to resolve to be good. Nor do I care to resolve to be bad. I'll just be natural and a regular pig."

"We think it's silly for us," said the Peacocks, "as we're about as perfect as can be."

"You're conceited," said the Pigeons. "You should resolve not to think so well of yourselves."

"But how can we help it?" answered the Peacocks. "We have something to be vain about."

"You're hopeless," said the Pigeons. "What is every other animal resolving?" asked Pinky.

"I am going to be up bright and early every morning," said Mr. Rooster. "You do that anyway," said Pinky. "I might as well resolve to wade in every bit of mud I see. Of course, in the winter that's hard, but then I can do my best."

"And I am going to lay lots of eggs," said Mrs. Hen.

"I am going to give good milk," said Mrs. Cow.

"I shall protect the sheep," said the Sheep Dog.

"And I shall look after the farmer's house," barked the Watch Dog.

"I have decided to let the children drive me," brayed the Donkey.

"We shall pick up as many bread-



Mr. Rooster Strutted About.

crumbs as we can find," chirped some Sparrows who had been listening.

"And I shall give some very fine goat's milk," said the Goat.

"Well, God I ever!" exclaimed Pinky.

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Rooster. "Here are all you animals bragging about what you will do. You have all said you would do the things that you always do—you have not made any good resolutions, as you call them. You simply will do the things that it is natural for you to do. The Peacocks are honest, because they know they won't change. But the rest of you—Bah!" And Pinky squeaked in disgust.

"You're wrong," said Mr. Rooster. "I don't know about that," said Mrs. Cow. "I would give milk no matter what time of the year it might be, and it's certainly not a good resolution for me."

"And I'd lay eggs," agreed Mrs. Hen.

"I'd have to take the children for rides," said the Donkey, "as they fasten me to a cart!"

"Didn't I say I was right?" said Pinky.

"I hate to admit it, though," said Mr. Rooster, putting his head on one side and looking very mournful.

"You might just as well," said Pinky.

"Besides," said Mr. Rooster, "we'll have to think up entirely new resolutions. Things that will be hard for us to do. It's a great nuisance."

"That's true," said Pinky, with a wicked grin. "It is always easiest to do what comes natural to us and to say we're so good doing it. But we pigs are natural and we don't put on any airs about resolutions. Such nonsense!"

"We'll have to think all over again," crowed Mr. Rooster, slowly and sadly.

How to Be Happy.
The happiest New Year is for those who seek the happiness of others.

New Year, Good Morning

New Year, good morning! Come and bring
Us days that smile and days that sing
Out from the drifts of swirling snow
That through the murky mid-
night blow
And clutch with frosty hands and cling.
Hark! How the joy bells chime and ring
Thy birth and new hope set a-ving.
With hands outstretched you come; and so
New Year, good morning!
New courage greets their clam-
oring—
The thought of friends, the thought of spring,
Of kindly solace for our woe,
Of happiness we're still to know;
We wait your accolade, O King!
New Year, good morning!
—Alexander Maclean.

What Shall He Write on Your Page?



Peace and Good Will, Good Will

Across the far Judean hills
To listening shepherds echoing rang,
At midnight, faintly, songs of praise,
Dim, distant songs, in wordless lays,
When all the stars together sang.

And they, the shepherds, listening long,
With beating hearts, in awe-filled mood—
Was this the song Orion sung,
The mystic, golden aisles among,
In space-gemmed solitude?

Or were these Asaph's anthems grand,
Some dusky temple aisles between,
When heavy censors slowly swung,
Where sandaled maidens, bending,
Sung
Out all their souls, unloved, unseen?

Swart forms stood forth, their girdles loosed,
With faces toward the midnight sky;
And, trembling, waited, lips apart,
Limbs tense, where fullest muscles start,
And quivering arms upraised high.

Clearer the sound waves swept the plain,
As all the wide world's pulse stood still,
Till softly worded fell the strain,
From Zion's hills rung back again,
"Peace and good will, good will."

Down went the stalwart shepherds there,
In humble pose, with hearts aflare,
To all the earth from Bethlehem's height,
In solemn watches on that night,
The dear God's new Evangel came.

All voices joined the solemn chant,
From David's city to the sea;
From deep Euphrates' silent tides,
To Jericho's palm-shaded sides;
From Gath to Galilee.

In widening circles, sweet and clear,
From olive grove or palm-crowned hill,
Sweet back that anthem, Heaven-born,
On harps of gold, by angels borne,
"Peace and good will, good will."

A thousand years on Time's strong tide
Have washed the shores of Change;
Unaccounted men have loved, have died,
And Life and Death, all undefied,
Have swept earth's widest range.

But still the harpers touch the strings,
In chorus grander still,
And ocean's mighty voices sing,
While all the earth her chorals bring,
"Peace and good will, good will."

In humble cot on Scotia's braes,
Or Egypt's slumberous vale,
O'er sand-swept deserts, camel trod,
On snow-crowned Alps upreared to God,
The mighty chords prevail.

In vales of musk; o'er hills of burze;
Spice-scented valleys blest;
When odorous lilies swing their bells
And sensuous, dew-drunk asphodels
Their honied lips have prest;

O'er somber pines that sing of death,
Or sun-kissed meadows still;
O'er land of leal, o'er land of woe,
The world-encircling chorals go,
"Peace and good will, good will."

When changing numbers swinging swift
The Christ-tide seasons bring—
To lands where tropic dews grow,
To rolling prairies white with snow,
The bells of gladness ring,
And children's faces beam with mirth,
And children's glad hearts thrill;
For them the angel harpers sing,
For them joy-bells of Heaven ring,
"Peace and good will, good will."
—Maude Meredith.

Words of Comfort For the New Year

By Samuel Gardiner Ayres.

THE hourglass has turned; the last few sands
That marked the Old Year now have slipped away.
And in his outstretched hand the New Year holds
The future of a twelvemonth's span.

Then hail New Year! We bid thee welcome. Thy gifts are many, but not yet disclosed. With thee may come joy or sorrow, pain or loss, failure or success, hope deferred or dreams realized. We bid thee welcome and will try to cherish and improve thy gift of time. We greet thee with a cheer as we undertake our journey in thy care. "Life must march forward in a column of days."

Thoughts for the New Year

SHE was the sweet Marjoram of the salad, or, rather, the herb of grace.—Shakespeare.

To be weak is miserable, doing, or suffering.
—Milton, "Paradise Lost."

Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.—Carlyle, "Past and Present."

Honest toil is holy service; faithful work is praise and prayer.—Henry Van Dyke, "Tolling of Felix."

Hapless woman ne'er can say, "My work is done" till judgment day.
—St. John Honeywood.

Love prays devoutly when it prays for love.—Hood, "Hero and Leander."

Just to live is the most important thing in life.
To appreciate, to admire, to enjoy, is to possess.
The law of life is love. Love is the one essential thing without which we can only exist.—Benjamin Woodcox.

Smile, smile, smile.
Keep that New Year smile on all the year.

Do Not Soil the Leaf.
Keep clean that new leaf you will turn over.

When the New Year Came

By May C. Ringwalt

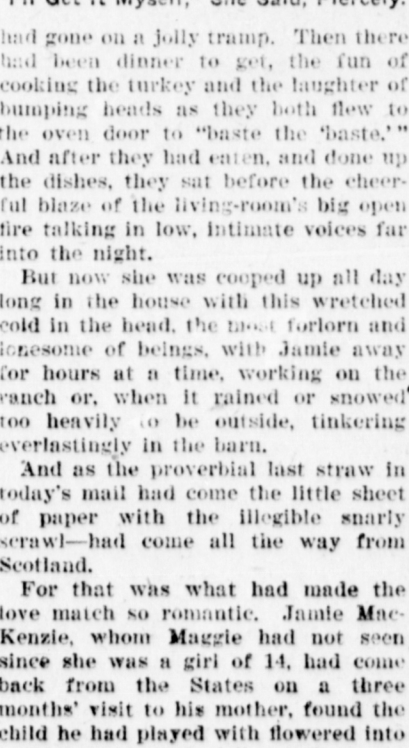


I had been the most romantic of love matches—and in all the land that last day of the old year, there was no more unhappy little woman than Maggie MacKenzie, the bride of six weeks.

And the gates of escape from the heart-break of it all were tight shut, for as liberal as Uncle Sam's courts in such matters, the causes of her abject misery could hardly be presented in divorce proceedings—a Christmas plum-pudding, a cold in the head, and a small sheet of paper covered with a perfectly illegible, snarly scrawl.

The plum pudding—arrived a week late on account of bad roads and a holiday congestion of parcel post matter—stood on the living-room table just as she had taken it out of its box. A beautifully molded plum pudding of a city confectioner's consummate art, with an adorable, spiky sprig of real holly stuck in the top. A most Christmasy homey plum pudding that set off all sorts of Christmas homey memories and brought such an aching lump to the little bride's throat that she almost cried out in pain.

Yet Christmas itself had not been a bit of a blue day. It was their first Christmas together to begin with, and the joy, the wonder, the triumph of Jamie actually filled her entire thoughts. Right after breakfast they



"I'll Get it Myself," She Said, Fiercely.

had gone on a jolly tramp. Then there had been dinner to get, the fun of cooking the turkey and the laughter of bumping heads as they both flew to the oven door to "baste the baste." And after they had eaten, and done up the dishes, they sat before the cheerful blaze of the living-room's big open fire talking in low, intimate voices far into the night.

But now she was cooped up all day long in the house with this wretched cold in the head, the most forlorn and lonesome of beings, with Jamie away for hours at a time, working on the ranch or, when it rained or snowed too heavily to be outside, tinkering everlastingly in the barn.

And as the proverbial last straw in today's mail had come the little sheet of paper with the illegible snarly scrawl—had come all the way from Scotland.

For that was what had made the love match so romantic. Jamie MacKenzie, whom Maggie had not seen since she was a girl of 14, had come back from the States on a three months' visit to his mother, found the child he had played with flowered into a woman, promptly fallen in love and married her the day before his return to Uncle Sam's land.

And she had gone willingly with him, had willingly left them all behind. Dad and mother; Dave and Wallace and Jenn, and—yes, even Bobbie. Bobbie, her own barn, the bonnie 4-year-old little brother whom she always buttoned up in the morning and unbuttoned at night—and counted off "this little pig went to market and this little pig stayed at home" on ten wee upturned toes.

To have given up Bobbie for a mere husband! A husband who no longer loved her, who was so heartless he could stay out there in the barn mending an old plow when his wife needed him so desperately!

The cheery sound of a whistle approached—a man's brisk steps on the porch.

It was Jamie. He was coming into the house. Why couldn't he let her alone, to cry in peace?

"Well, little girl," said a pleasant voice behind her, as she stealthily dabbed away her tears, "any special news from the land of heather?"

"It wasn't a regular letter," she replied coolly. "Just one of Bobbie's love scrawls—Dad had only addressed the envelope."

"Say, I call that a mean trick," said Jamie, "to get up your expectations for nothing."

A little red spot flared on each of

Maggie's cheeks and her eyes blazed. How dared he insinuate that one of Bobbie's precious letters was nothing. But the anger her eyes shot for short of their mark—Jamie had spoiled the plum pudding.

"Hello," he laughed, "so that is what was in the box. I'd just about given it up. It's some pudding, all right, isn't it?" he went on admiringly. "Since we couldn't have it Christmas, let's celebrate tonight—speed the parting guest of the old year and welcome the new, you know. But I came in to tell you I'm going over to Bily's to take a look at the brooder he wants to sell. So if you'll give me that picture book of Bobbie's, I'll stop at the poor farm as I pass and leave it for the little chap who got there too late for Santa Claus. They say he's terribly lonesome and homesick, poor little kid, and maybe it will cheer him up."

The set line of Maggie's lips twitched.

At the time it had seemed such a simple thing to propose, to give Bobbie's picture book, packed with her own books by mistake, to the new orphan arrived at the farm the beginning of the week; the poor 4-year-old child whose mother had died on Christmas day in a lonely shack up in the mountains.

"You can take the book another time," she evaded, picking up her shuttle and tating like mad. "I can't bother about it today."

Jamie looked at her, surprised, puzzled.

"Why, I can get it as well as you, dear," he said gently. "It's on the table in our room, isn't it?"

She threw down the tating and sprang up.

"I'll get it myself," she said fiercely, and shot into the adjoining room.

When she brought him the book, her eyes were rimmed in great red circles, but Jamie, impatient to be off, did not notice, or thought the redness came from her cold.

As the front door banged after him, camphor bottle in hand, Maggie sank back in the nearest armchair and gave herself up to being miserable.

But Jamie was gone over an hour-time for conscience and camphor to work, and thoroughly ashamed of herself, her head much clearer, she greeted his return with rising spirits, which fell precipitously when he nonchalantly informed her he had invited over the Bily's and Joan Thornton and his wife and the Hopkins girl to spend the evening and eat plum pudding with them.

"Oh, Jamie, why did you?" she said despairingly. "I feel like anything but company tonight."

But the guests had been invited and there was nothing to do but make the best of it.

Yet, as gallantly as she tried, the poor, little bride could not shake off her homesick forlornness.

It was five minutes of 12 by the living-room clock when the hot chocolate and the plum pudding in his blaze of glory were brought in, and as the first stroke of midnight fell upon their talk and laughter, with lifted cups, all sprang to their feet and drank to the new year, deep and long.

All that is, except Maggie MacKenzie.

She took only a hurried sip at her chocolate, then put down her cup and ran and opened the front door.

"Maggie!" cried Jamie. "What are you opening the door for?"

"To let in the New Year, dear," she explained with a forced gaiety. "Don't

Signs of a New Year



PHONE FINALLY CONQUERS PASS

AFTER HALF CENTURY OF MUCH EXPERIMENT WIRING CROSS GREAT DIVIDE.

Denver, Dec. 22.—Following experiments that have covered a period of a quarter of a century, engineers of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, a Bell subsidiary, have installed what they believe to be the highest telephone service line in the world.

On the Denver-Leadville toll route the company has constructed the section of the line that crosses Argentine Pass, at an altitude of 13,200 feet. The pass is near the famous Georgetown Loop, one of the beauty spots of the eastern slope of the Continental Divide, about forty miles from Denver.

The newly built section is only one and three-tenths miles in length, and it is estimated the cost of construction was eight times the expenditure involved in laying an ordinary stretch of wire.

Many Attempts Fail.
When the route was first established, in 1889, connection across the pass was made by laying twisted wires along the ground. Later a submarine cable was laid. Transporting material for this cable from Georgetown to the top of the pass entailed great difficulties, it requiring twelve and fourteen horses to haul a wagon with supplies to the crest of the mountain. The animals suffered hemorrhages from the nose and throat similar to humans who become distressed at high altitudes.

Shortly after the cable had been completed "trouble" was of frequent occurrence, and investigation disclosed that "Coonies," a species of mountain rat, were enjoying daily feasts on cable insulation. Sliding rock and the alternate moistening and drying out of the cable also resulted in much damage.

Cable Is Abandoned.
The cable was finally abandoned and the twisted wire system had been in use until recently, when an aerial wire "lead," designed to withstand all climatic conditions, was installed at a cost of \$12,000 for the distance of less than a mile and a half. The line consists of twenty-four poles and seventy-five special "H" fixtures, spaced sixty-five feet apart and supported to heavy anchors. Close to 100,000 pounds of wire is carried on these poles. All material for construction of the line has been chosen after an exhaustive investigation of wind velocities, temperatures and moisture encountered in the pass, and it is believed that the new line will give excellent service for many years without repairs being made.

Sloan's Liniment For Rheumatism.
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RETURN OF TROOPS

To Get U. S. Soldiers Home After War Some Job.

Washington, Dec. 22.—How are we going to get our troops back home when the war is over in Europe?

That is a question that is already beginning to cause some people concern. While it may be premature to discuss such an event as the means of getting our troops back to this country when hostilities cease in Europe, some people in authority believe that is a consideration that makes nearly as imperative that we have plenty of vessels for the movement as for the outward transfer of personnel and material.

It is pointed out that when that time comes there will be great anxiety at home for the return of the soldiers and an equal amount of impatience on the part of the men themselves.

It will take a great deal of shipplng to accomplish this, without delays that are protracted, tedious and vexatious. The requirements are six tons of shipping per man, and, therefore, it will require a 6,000-ton ship to get 1,000 men across the water.

If we have as many as 100 ships of that displacement and a force of 1,000,000 men to bring back, which would be a conservative estimate if the war lasts another year, it would take ten months to complete the home delivery on the basis of one round trip per ship per month.

If the war lasts long enough to

And us with 5,000,000 men in Europe awaiting return, the time necessary with those 100 ships available would be fifty months, or more than four years.

It may be assumed that we shall have to depend entirely upon our own shipping for this movement, since the vessels of the Allies will be fully occupied with their own affairs.

As one official points out, calculations of this sort may be fanciful, as well as having a remote bearing, but the supposed condition furnishes an illustration of the need of ships, aside from the demands for transportation facilities while the war is in progress.

Spring brings all kinds of weather and with it comes colds and the revival of winter coughs and hoarseness. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will head off a new cold or stop the old one, the soothing balsams relieve the sore throat and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle to-day and start treatment at once. At your druggist, 25c. Formula on the bottle.

ILL-FATED COCK'S NAME CHANGED WHILE SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—A Durham (N. C.) enthusiast today telegraphed to United States Marine Corps headquarters:

"Terrier belonging to United States Marine Corps killed rooster after battle royal in main thoroughfare. Indignant chicken snatched witness affair and demand dog pay death penalty. Then they learn ill-fated rooster's name was Kaiser. Result: Dog is now pride of Durham."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

MAY USE CONVICTS TO MAKE WAR SUPPLIES

Washington, Dec. 22.—Great Britain and Canada have already employed convict labor to manufacture war supplies. And now Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, proposes that the same thing be done in this country.

His idea is to equip federal prisons with necessary manufacturing machinery and utilize the prisoners to turn out the finished product. Other noncontract prisoners may participate.

The introduction of the prison labor bill is the result of co-operation of the American Federation of Labor, the Department of Labor, the Department of War and the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor. "It," so a statement says, "marks the taking of a new trench in the fight against the exploitation of the prisoner and free labor, in addition to freeing his labor for war work."

At its last session Congress appropriated money for shops at Atlanta, Fort Leavenworth and McNeill Island penitentiaries. This development was approved by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, which is now pressing the nationwide extension of the state-use system. If this is done the federal government can increase the nation's productivity, economize for insufficient labor power and benefit the prisoner and the free workman.

The bill authorizes the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy to employ military prisoners and in the construction of military roads. Army prisoners are already used on road work within national army cantonments. The bill would make possible their use on roads leading to the cantonments.

In many instances the lack of good road connections with the railroads and main highways makes transportation of food and supplies a matter of considerable difficulty in bad weather.

True patriotism carries with it not hostility to other nations, but a quickened sense of responsibility good-will of acts and not merely of words. I stand for a nationalism of duty, to oneself and to others; and, therefore, for a nationalism which is a means to inter-nationalism.—Theodore Roosevelt.

A nation is not worthy to be saved if, in the hour of its fate, it will not gather up all its jewels of manhood and life, and go down into the conflict, however bloody and doubtful, resolved on measureless ruin or complete success.—James A. Garfield.

Financiers.

Two negroes, not inclined to overwork, were sitting on a fence and discussing the advantages of bigamy.

"It must shore be a heaven o' bliss!" said one. "Just think, two sources o' revenue!"

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SPIES IN TOUCH WITH GERMANY

MESSAGHS IN INVISIBLE INK AND CODE BEING SENT IN CLOTHES.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Operation of a system of regular communication between the United States and Germany, Austria and European neutrals, was disclosed today by the announcement of customs officials that within the last two weeks they have found scores of letters containing inscriptions in invisible ink or code phrases in the clothing or personal effects of ships' crews bound to or from Scandinavian ports. Swedes and Norwegians were most prominent in the traffic and about one-fifth of the letters were of suspicious character.

Scores of the letters now are under scrutiny, and investigations being made probably will result in arrests of a number of persons on charges of violating provisions of the trading with the enemy act forbidding transmission of communication to or from the enemy except in the regular course of the mail or under license by customs authorities or the war trade board.

Officials suspect that crews of vessels sailing between the United States and northern European neutral ports have carried many letters from German spies in this country, the documents being sent to Germany from the neutral port to Germany from the neutral port at which they are landed.

Until regulations were promulgated several weeks ago the prohibition against such communication had not been enforced strictly, altho customs inspectors and secret service agents had seized many communications of dangerous nature on ships leaving or arriving at American ports. Extra precautions under the new rules, however, resulted in the roundup of many more letters than it had previously been thought were carried by messenger.

Evidence gathered thus far leads officials to believe some neutral subjects, aided by Americans, have made considerable money by promoting the clandestine traffic in communications to evade the British censorship of mails, before and after the United States entered the war. These are now subject to criminal prosecution, with penalty of \$10,000 fine and ten years' imprisonment.

Great quantities of commercial communications, called slips and consignees, mail, are carried by vessels not in regular mail channels, and most of this has been licensed freely by customs officers.

Bad Colds From Sudden Changes.

Sudden changes of temperature and underwear bring spring colds and with stuffed up head, sore throat and general symptoms. A dose of Dr. King's New Discovery is sure relief, this happy combination of antiseptic balsams clears the head, soothes the irritated membranes and what might have been a lingering cold is broken up. Don't stop treatment when relief is first felt as a half cured cold is dangerous. Take Dr. King's New Discovery till your cold is gone 1

EFFRENT A CUT FINGER NOW HAD ON THE WAR

The great war might be traced back to Nobel's cut finger. Alfred Noble was a Swedish chemist—and a pacifist. One day while working in the laboratory he cut his finger, as chemists are apt to do, he dissolved some gun cotton in ether alcohol and swabbed it on the wound. At

this point, however, his conduct diverges from the ordinary, for instead of standing idle, impatiently waving his hand in the air to dry the film as most people, including chemists, are apt to do, he put his mind on it and it occurred to him that this sticky stuff, slowly hardening to an elastic mass, might be just the thing he was hunting for an absorbent and solidifier of nitro-glycerin. So instead of throwing away the extra colloid that he had made he mixed it with nitro-glycerin and found that it set to a jelly.

The "blasting gelatin" thus discovered proved to be so insensitive to shock that it could be safely transported or fired from a cannon. This was the first of the high explosives that have been the chief factor in the great war.—New York Independent.

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Ohio Circuit Court.
Lena M. Westerfield, Guardian, &c., Plaintiff.

Vs.—Notice of sale
Oma Lee Westerfield, et al., Defendants.

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A tract of land in Ohio county, Kentucky, described as follows:
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The purchaser will be required to execute bond immediately after sale with approved security and a lien will be retained on said land as additional security.

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M. L. Heavrin, Attorney.

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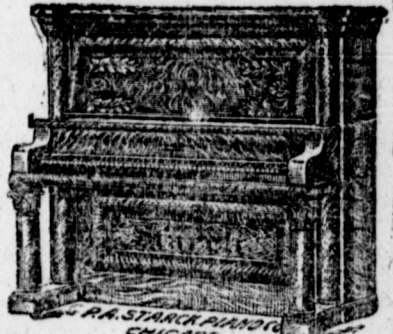
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

The high cost of whisky reduced the usual high record of Christmas killings in Kentucky this year.

In carpeting the earth with snow early Christmas morning the weather man was just in the nick of time.

Join the Red Cross to-day, and become in a small way at least a ministering angel to our boys in the trenches.

Recent reports indicate the Bolsheviks are losing its hold on the Russian people, and again the headless revolution may go on.

Thanks to the high price of whisky this has been the most quiet and peaceful Christmas in the history of Ohio county. May the price go higher still.

The prohibition orators claim the credit for the spread of dry territory but it is really due to the rough necks who get drunk and raise hell to the public's eternal disgust.

When you spend a dollar some other fellow has it, but when you waste a morsel of food it is forever lost, and, remember, food will win this war. Begin saving to-day.

If German spies are half so numerous and active as the newspapers report why has not a wholesale hanging been resorted to as a gentle warning these unwelcome guests?

Bethlehem, the holy city to which the star of the east guided the lonely shepherds to the humble manger one Christmas night more than nineteen hundred years ago, has been redeemed from Mohammedan rule by a Christian army.

For this one week at least The Hartford Republican enjoys the distinction of being the only newspaper published in Ohio county. When you have read your Republican pass it along to your Democratic neighbor. He will enjoy reading the Christmas news.

Among the Kentucky newspapers lined up for state-wide prohibition we note in the front ranks Uncle Bill Schooler's Somerset Semi-Weekly News. Uncle Bill, as he delights to call himself, is one of the most versatile and attractive news writers in Kentucky, and we are always delighted to find his paper on our exchange table. If we had more Uncle Bill Schoolers perched upon the editorial tripods of Kentucky newspapers we would have reason to be proud of the State's journalism. Long may he live to grace the profession with his captivating wit and wisdom.

Just recently an example of the worthlessness of expert testimony in determining justice in the courts, has been called to our attention. Several years ago a laborer employed by a wealthy corporation was hurt in an accident while working for the company, and brought the usual suit for damages. Expert witnesses went on the stand and solemnly swore that the plaintiff was permanently disabled, and would never again be able by his labor to contribute toward his own support. The jury believed the expert witnesses, and gave the plaintiff a verdict for the heaviest damage ever awarded in that court. To-day that plaintiff, who profited so liberally by expert testimony, is serving as a soldier in Uncle Sam's army.

Let us pray God that the best may come, but with the world mad with the lust for blood, no man may say what a year may bring forth. It is only safe to say that this awful strain on human patience cannot go on forever. The people are going to get war-tired, and the time is not far

distant, perhaps, when this may occur. The waste of wealth and life is appalling, and the statesmen of all the nations would do well to find some means to stop it before universal anarchy steps into the breach. The Allies are fighting for the freedom of mankind, and should have the support of every man who would escape slavery at the hands of the Huns, yet diplomacy should be added to the force of arms in an effort to end the fearful carnage. The object of the war on the part of the Allies is to insure the future tranquility of the world, and the moment that is accomplished the war should end. And might not diplomacy be now invoked to hasten that result?

Within a few months now the Republicans of Kentucky will be called upon to nominate a candidate for United States Senator, and the time is none too long in which to be looking for the most available candidate. Just now only three names are being mentioned for the place, A. T. Hert, Ed Morrow and McKinzie Moss. Mr. Hert, it is believed by his intimate friends, is sincere in his declaration that he does not want to hold any office within the gift of the people. Mr. Hert's services to his party are invaluable, but his interest is in party success rather than his own personal aggrandizement. Ed Morrow might indeed have anything he would ask of the Republicans of Kentucky, but his best friends believe he is stronger by several thousand votes for Governor than for any other office, and will insist that he wait to get in to the political game until 1919. Strong pressure from various parts of the State is being brought to bear upon the Great Commoner to get him into the race for Senator, but it is hardly probable that he will do so. Judge Moss is a man of real ability, and not having been identified at any time with any factional differences would no doubt be acceptable to a very large per cent of the Republicans of the State. It is agreed that the Republican candidate for Senator must be a man who will be acceptable to the dry voters, and Judge Moss's consistent record in this regard would give him added strength as a candidate. However, so far it is anybody's race, and may the best man win.

WAR NEWS AT A GLANCE.

Increased cannonading in the region of Verdun, especially around Douaumont, the Chaume wood and the Caubertis wood, which a year ago were the theaters of some of the fiercest encounters in the war, indicates apparently the intention of the Germans to keep the French forces in this sector well occupied, or might even mean a renewed effort to break through at this vital point. The allies, however, are evidently making ready for an untoward event and have taken the initiative in other directions. A British air squadron has successfully bombed the city of Mannheim, the great Rhine commercial center and one of the most important bases for the revictualing of the Germans on the western front. Numerous fires were started in this city, a ton of bombs being dropped. The British squadron had numerous combats with German airplanes in this expedition and one of the British machines was forced to make a landing.

In Italy the battle is still raging on the Piave front. The Italians announce that they have recaptured, despite stubborn resistance, the positions they had lost the previous day on the Asiago plateau. Berlin reports, however, tend to minimize the setback and lay stress on the repulse of Italian counter-attacks against the positions newly won by the Germans and a thrust at Monte Pertica. The Germans report the capture of 9,000 Italians in engagements around Col Del Rosso.

True to their tactics, the Austro-Germans will probably direct another and greater thrust at a different point, as would appear from the shifting of large forces to the Franzela Valley and the mountainous region to the north. The menace to Venice seems, however, to have been removed for the time being.

The Associated Press correspondent at Italian headquarters in Northern Italy reports most unusual weather conditions in this war theater, with little snow and exceedingly mild temperatures—conditions which are greatly aiding the Austro-Germans in their operations, the shifting of troops and forwarding of supplies.

The Bolshevik commander-in-chief, Ensign Krylenko, reports the transfer of a large number of German troops to the western front and the southwestern Russian front.

Civil war in Russia seems to be spreading. The negotiations between the Bolsheviks and the central powers apparently are not proceeding smoothly. Time gained by the Germans in the negotiations would mean so much more time for the shifting of troops, now being carried out with the greatest speed possible. The Germans have refused to

of their Socialist leaders permission to go to Stockholm on another inter-Socialistic discussion. The Bolsheviks are reported to be incensed over this decision, and, in the opinion of the Bolshevik leaders, the German official delegation should go to Stockholm instead. A Bolshevik manifesto to the Russian workmen declares that the preparation of military equipment must be stopped and their energies must be devoted to the production of peace supplies.

CENTERTOWN.

Mr. Harvey D. Plummer, of Camp Taylor, spent a few days this week with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Romie Heflin, of Evansville, Ind., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Vernon Crowder, of Horse Branch, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rowe.

Miss Grace Rhoads came home from Detroit, Mich., Saturday.

Mr. Leon Bishop is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Curry Wallace and family spent a few days this week with their uncle, Mr. Alva Calloway.

Misses Mattie and Lottie Kuykendall are the guests of Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Miss Agnes Duncan spent the holidays at her home in Bowling Green, Ky.

Mrs. Dona Henning having resigned her position as teacher at Walton's Creek, Mr. Shelby Boskett is finishing the term there.

Mrs. Sadie Bennett and daughter started last Thursday to Herrin, Ill., where they will spend a few months with Mrs. Kate Pendleton.

Miss Grace Duncan, who has been attending school here, has returned to her home at Bowling Green, Ky.

W. H. Lake is taking his Christmas at Moorman this year.

EAST VIEW.

Dec. 25.—A very heavy snow is falling at this place to-day.

Mr. B. J. French transacted business at Hartford Wednesday.

Messrs. Roy King and Bob Ambrose, of Camp Taylor, spent a few days last week in this vicinity with relatives.

Mr. A. T. French made a business trip to Owensboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Riddle are visiting relatives at Red Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smiley, of Taffy, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Stewart Tuesday night.

Mr. T. C. Duke is dangerously ill of Jumbago.

Messrs. Lawrence and Leslie Jewell and Herbert Mitchell and family will leave immediately for Utah to make their future home.

Straw Wanted.

We want a number of tons of baled straw—wheat, oat or rye. Will pay market price.

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S. L. KING, Mgr.

AIRMEN BURNED TO DEATH 5,000 FEET IN THE AIR

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 24.—Two unidentified aviators were burned to death 5,000 feet in the air at Hicks Field to-night. They fell to the earth with the remnant of the airplane a mass of wreckage. It is supposed the gasoline tank exploded. The bodies were burned beyond identification. One is supposed to be a Lieutenant and the other a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps.

POSTMASTER GENERAL INAUGURATES CENSORSHIP

A censor's label on an envelope does not imply that the writer or the addressee is under suspicion, but that its examination is thought necessary in safeguarding the Government's interests.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio County Petroleum Company, by the consent of its stockholders, is closing up its business, and any person having a claim against said corporation will please present same.

I. P. BARNARD, President.
December 11th, 1917. 2414

SWEDISH PLANTING MINES FOR GERMANY EXECUTED

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A Swedish ship, said to have been serving Germany in planting mines off the South African coast, has been captured and seven members of the crew in the German pay, were executed, according to W. Airey, head of a trading corporation of Cape Town, here to-day, who said the execution took place five days before his departure from Cape Town.

Try a REPUBLICAN AD. to help sell your property.

LODGE NOTES.

Rough River Lodge No. 110, K. of P., at its regular session held last Tuesday night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: W. H. Barnes, C. C.; A. M. Barnett, V. C.; John B. Wilson, P.; A. I. Nall, M. of W.; M. A. Eagle, K. of R. & S.; J. R. Fiddle, M. of P.; W. S. Tinsley, M. of E.; C. T. Barnett, M. of A.; T. H. Black, I. G.; U. S. Carson, O. G.

Hartford Lodge No. 675, F. & A. M., conferred the E. A. degree at a call session last Friday night. At the regular election of officers yesterday afternoon, the following were elected and appointed for the ensuing year: C. M. Crowe, W. M.; Otto C. Martin, S. W.; R. E. Duke, J. W.; J. H. Patton, Treasurer; W. W. Riley, Secretary; Albert Rial, Tyler; C. O. Hunter, S. D.; S. E. Bennett, J. D.; S. L. King, Chaplain; A. C. Logter, S. S.; W. F. Schapaire, J. S.; W. E. Ellis, Board of Control; Jas. T. Ralph, Finance Committee.

Keystone Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., will advance a class of three to the Mark Master's degree at a special convocation next Monday night.

We were unable to get a list of officers elected by other fraternal orders of this place. Would very much appreciate a report from officers of the various lodges as to their doings from time to time.

Demands Removal of Burlison.
Demands that President Wilson remove from office Postmaster General Burlison are on their way to Washington under the signature of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

This action was taken because Mr. Burlison recommended to Congress that unions of government employes be forbidden.—Cayuga (N. Y.) News.

NOTICE.

After October 1, 1917, I will be in the office of Dr. A. B. Riley from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., and in my office over Williams Drug Store from 9:00 a. m., to 12:00 noon.

DR. E. B. PENDLETON.

Uncle Josh—Here's a letter from Nephew Harry, that's gone to Africa, and says that within twenty rods of his house there's a family of laughing hyenas.

His Wife—Well, I am glad that he's got pleasant neighbors, anyway—that's something.—Tit-Bits.

The war has called back into service nearly 500 retired officers of the Navy and 138 former officers who resigned to enter civil life, including 22 rear admirals, 18 commodores, and 34 captains.

Late reports on health conditions at Army camps and cantonments show the epidemic of measles to be greatly decreasing. In several camps where measles has extensively prevailed the number of cases of pneumonia has decreased.

There are now approximately 19,000 speakers in the "Four Minute Men," the nation-wide organization of volunteer speakers who assist the Government in the work of national defense by presenting the messages of vital national importance to motion-picture theater audiences.

NOTICE!

I shall quit the photograph business in Ohio county Dec. 26th. If you want photographic work done take advantage of this last opportunity and come.

All work will be promptly finished.

E. G. SCHROETER,
Photographer.

More than 50 night classes have been established to train radio and buzzer operators for the United States Army, with an enrollment of about 3,000 men.

"Lightless nights" are planned by the Fuel Administration as an additional measure for saving coal.

The number of men now being served by American Red Cross canteens in France is more than 15,000 a day.

Gasoline production in the United States has increased from 35,000,000 to 70,000,000 barrels a year since 1914.

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TO OUR PATRONS

Again the season has come when both custom and inclination prompt folks to remember old friends. In the spirit of the season, we send you greetings. Fully appreciative of the part your friendship and patronage has played in our progress, we thank you. We extend to you and yours our sincere well wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

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"Yes, my love?"
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"Yes, and it was trimmed with feathers."

Proof of Ability.

"He made his money by luck."
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Within 12 hours after receiving news of the Halifax disaster the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense had equipped a relief steamer and started it to the scene of the disaster.

Total acceptances of recruits for the Army December 13 numbered more than 14,300—the largest number accepted in one day in the history of the country.

PLEASE READ THIS.

THE HARTFORD REPUBLICAN HAS RECEIVED THE BILL OF LADING FOR ITS NEW LINOTYPE MACHINE, AND EXPECT ITS ARRIVAL AT ONCE. THIS MACHINE COST US \$2,869.05, AND MUST BE PAID FOR AT ONCE. IF YOU OWE US ON SUBSCRIPTION PLEASE CONSIDER OUR EXTREME NEED OF THE MONEY AND SEND US A CHECK FOR IT AT ONCE. WE MUST HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS MACHINE AND WE MUST COLLECT IT FROM THOSE WHO OWE US. OBSERVE THE YELLOW SLIP ON YOUR PAPER, AND SEND IN THE AMOUNT YOU OWE US TO-DAY.

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We have tried throughout the year to give the public the very best merchandise we could buy at prices that were as low as possible under the existing condition throughout the land, which brought about the scarcity of merchandise; much goods we were not able to buy at any price.

The year 1918 is now upon us, and we promise to do our best to fill the wants of our trade.

We thank you again for your hearty co-operation, and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Hartford Republican.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

L. H. & ST. L. R. R. TIME TABLE.
No. 113 due at Elmitch 8:32 p. m.
No. 110 due at Elmitch 7:30 a. m.
No. 112 Lv. Elmitch 3:40 p. m.
Ar. Irvington 5:35 p. m.
Lv. Irvington 5:55 p. m.
Ar. Louisville 7:40 p. m.
No. 111 Lv. Louisville 8:35 a. m.
Ar. Irvington 10:06 a. m.
Lv. Irvington 10:40 a. m.
Ar. Elmitch 1:04 p. m.
M. & E. R. R. TIME TABLE.
South Bound, No. 115—
Due at Hartford 9:05 a. m.
North Bound, No. 114—
Due at Hartford 6:45 p. m.
(Both "Mixed" Trains.)

Personal News

and Social Events.

See Eck Rial for Kindling Wood.
Judge Mack Cook was in Owensboro Monday.
Mr. Otto C. Martin was in Owensboro Monday.
Mr. Tom Keown, of Fordsville, was in town yesterday.
Mr. J. W. Keown, of Adaburg, was here Saturday on business.
Everything new, neat and clean at Maple & Chinn's Restaurant.
Mr. Frank Foreman, of Narrows, was a visitor at this office Wednesday.
Editor W. H. Coombs made a business trip to Owensboro last Saturday.
Mr. J. P. Caneblair and family spent the holidays with friends at Livia.
Circuit Clerk Alce Porter went down to Hefflin today to see his mother who is ill.
Services will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday at 11:00 A. M., and the Epworth League will meet at night.

Corporal James Glenn will leave Saturday for the Hattiesburg Cantonment, where he is under assignment for duty.

Don't forget the Schroeter Studio will close on or before December 26. Take advantage of your first chance and come.
SCHROETER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Frost, of Owensboro, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Pendleton and family, first half of this week.

Mr. Ross Taylor, of Stone, Ky., arrived home Sunday to spend a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Mrs. A. Robertson returned to her home at Hefflin, Wednesday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alce Porter, here.

After spending a few days with his home folks here, Lieutenant Lum S. Igleheart returned to Camp Taylor Wednesday.

Lieutenant Gilmore Keown will arrive home from Camp Taylor, Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Keown.

Mr. Shelby Stevens has gone to Baton Rouge, La., where he has accepted a position as clerk of the local exemption board.

Mrs. Thomas Fulkerson and little son, Cecil, of Williams Mines, were Christmas visitors with Superintendent Shults and family.

Miss Nancy Ford, who has a position at Greenville, visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Ford, from Sunday until Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Davidson, a student in K. S. U., came home Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davidson.

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Mr. Cecil Felix, with the Southern R. R. Co., located at Gaffney, S. C., came home Sunday to spend a few days with his mother and family.

Corporal James Billings, recruiting officer stationed at Glasgow, Ky., was a visitor with the family of Rev. A. D. Litchfield the first of this week.

Messrs. Park and Gayle Taylor, with the I. C. R. R. Co., at Memphis, Tenn., were here first of this week with their mother, Mrs. W. M. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ligon, of Henderson, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Ligon's father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Pirtle, and family.

Mrs. Ned Turley, of Greenville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams, and her little son, Edward Williams Turley.

Miss Marguerite Renfrow, who has been attending school at Hazard, Ky., is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Renfrow, at Narrows.

Miss Ruth Litchfield, who is attending school at Russellville, came home for a Christmas visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Litchfield.

Mrs. Harry Hoover, of Central City, returned to her home yesterday, after visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Collins, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Bennett and little son, Edmon Alan, spent Christmas with Mrs. Bennett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foreman, of Narrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hudson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, arrived here Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. Hudson's mother, Mrs. Emma Hudson and family.

Misses Lourine Collins and Beulah Palmer will go to Bowling Green next week, where they will take a business course in the Bowling Green Business College.

Messrs. John Webb and Harlan Tichenor, together with their families, of near town, left today for Champaign, Ill., where they go to make their future homes.

Mr. Oscar Petty, who is an employee of the Standard Oil Company at Chicago, Ill., came home a few days ago to spend the holidays with relatives at Narrows.

Mr. J. H. Matthews, local manager for the Cumberland Telephone Company, returned Wednesday from a brief visit with his family at Richmond, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kimbley, of Beaver Dam, Ky., are expected this evening to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Plumlee.—The Mayfield Messenger.

Mr. Harry Taylor reports the Christmas guests at his home in these simple annals: There were just me and my wife, my son John and his wife, we four and no more.

Write to Fordsville Planing Mill Company for their lowest prices on anything that you may need in Lumber, Sash, Doors, Columns, or Millwork. They will mail you their close delivered prices by return mail.

Messrs. Hoyt Taylor and Fred May, who have positions with the Southern Railway Co., with headquarters at Tooeva, Ga., spent the first of this week here with friends and relatives.

Maple & Chinn, the restaurant men, keep candies, cigars and tobacco, as well as toothsome things to satisfy that appetite of yours. Give them one trial and you are certain to go back again.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hancock, of Bowling Green, who spent X-mas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillespie, have returned home and were accompanied home by their sister, Miss Annetta Gillespie.

Miss Mattie Duke and brother, Edward Duke, the former teaching and the latter a rodmann for the Pond Creek Coal Co., at Stone, Ky., arrived in town Sunday for a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Duke.

Mrs. C. M. Barnett and Miss Margaret DeWitt left here Monday afternoon to visit the soldier boys at Camp Shelby, Miss. Mrs. Barnett's two sons, Capt. A. J. and Lieut. E. L. Barnett are at that camp. Mrs. Barnett and Miss DeWitt will return Sunday.

Mr. Dodge Taylor has sold his property near Adaburg, to Ira Moxley and has purchased a farm in Daviess county on the Hartford and Owensboro road, near Hewlett's store, where he will move in the next few days.

Mr. Harry May, who has been with the I. C. R. R. Co., located at Memphis, Tenn., for several months, is spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. May. Mr. May will leave here shortly for Lincoln, Nebraska.

John Coleman and Mary Bell Maddox (Col.), of Taylor Mines, were married by Judge John B. Wilson in his office Wednesday. With this couple Judge Wilson has married a hundred, forty and four couples since he has been in office.

Mr. Buck Smith, who recently bought a farm, from Rance Martin, lying just across Rough river from Hartford, has moved into the Her property on Center street. There is no residence building on the property recently bought by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Eppert Whittaker and Miss Lizzie R. Wells celebrated Christmas day by getting married. The young people live on route 6, out of Hartford, and were married at the home of the bride, the Rev. Hon. Westfield officiating.

Commonwealth's Attorney C. E. Smith went to Louisville Wednesday to be in attendance at the Commonwealth Attorneys' Association which convened there yesterday for a two days session. Mr. Smith is chairman of the Committee on Trials.

Mrs. R. W. Tinsley and infant child, Wendell, arrived here early last Saturday from Oxford, Miss. They will likely remain here for some time, or at least until Prof. R. W. Tinsley, who is in the Government's service, is given a permanent location.

The following men to whom questionnaires were mailed have been reported by the postmaster at the addressee's office as moved away or unknown: S. W. Stewart, Hartford, serial No. 1700; George F. Condor, Philpot Route 4, serial No. 396, and Enos Dennis, Hartford, R. 1, serial No. 563.

Miss Bessie Gillespie, trained nurse, who is taking a 3 years' course in the Jewish Hospital at Louisville, was operated on for appendicitis the 18th. Her father, and sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hancock returned from there Saturday. She stood the operation alright, and is doing nicely and is expected to be out soon.

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CROP REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

The crop report issued by Field Agent, Lucas Moore, December 19, as of December 1st, shows the following result:

Wheat—Total absence of any fall fly and therefore no apprehension of any injury from this source next spring, which is in striking contrast with last year's conditions. Wheat generally was sown in a dry seed bed and has a root growth in excess of top growth, which is all the better for the crop.

United States, acreage 42,200,000, as compared with 40,534,000 in 1916; Kentucky, 952,000 as compared with 850,000 in 1916; condition in U. S. 79.3 per cent of normal compared with 85 per cent a year ago and 89.3 per cent the year average. Kentucky, 88 per cent of normal compared with 85 per cent a year ago and 89 per cent the ten year average.

Rye, we omit.
Corn—United States, 119,755,000 acres compared with 105,296,000 in 1916. Production, 3,159,494,000 bu. compared with 2,566,927,000 in 1916. Kentucky, 4,012,000 acres compared with 3,400,000 in 1916. It is estimated that due to early frosts and poor maturity, at least 25 per cent was damaged, much of which has little, if any, feeding value.

Production, 124,372,000 bushels compared with 95,200,000 in 1916. Oats we omit, because we could not give production as no estimate was given. Kentucky produced 140,000 bushels of barley this year against 156,000 in 1916, a loss of 16,000 bushels.

Potatoes, U. S., 4,348,000 acres compared with 3,632,000 in 1916. Production, 452,923,000 bushels, compared with 285,437,000 in 1913. Kentucky, 66,000 acres compared with 49,000 in 1916. Production 6,403,000 bushels, compared with 4,116,000 bushels in 1916.

The "second crop" was greatly damaged by dry weather and unusually early frost, or the yield would have been much larger, in Kentucky. Sweet Potatoes—Acreage, United States, 904,000 as compared with 736,000 in 1916. Production, 87,244,000 bushels compared with 70,955,000 in 1916. Kentucky, 12,000 acres compared

with 10,000 in 1916. Production 1,214,000 bushels compared with 900,000 in 1916.

Hay—Total production in United States, 79,528,000 tons compared with 91,192,000 tons in 1916. Kentucky, 1,186,000 tons compared with 1,415,000 in 1916. Acreage in Kentucky decreased 108,000 compared with 1.31 tons in 1916.

Tobacco—United States, 1,446,000 acres compared with 1,415,000 in 1916. Yield, 827.1 lbs., compared with 816 in 1916. Production 1,196,451,000 pounds, compared with 1,150,622,000 in 1916. Kentucky, 464,600 acres compared with 484,000 in 1916, yield per acre, 900 pounds, compared with 900 pounds in 1916. Production, 418,140 pounds, compared with 435,600,000 in 1916. All other items we omit from the report, as not being of general interest to our readers.

EPWORTH LEAGUE WILL ENTERTAIN SUNDAY NIGHT

The Epworth League of the M. E. church, South, will give an open session on next Sunday evening at 6:15. Following is the programme which will be rendered:

Subject—Planning for the Future.
Leader—Miss Leila Glenn.
Song.
Scripture Reading, Matt. 25:1-13.
Prayer.
What the Year 1917 Has Meant to Me—Dr. J. B. Tappan.
What We Have Accomplished in 1917—President.
What We Hope to Accomplish in 1918—Rev. A. D. Litchfield.
Song.
The Glory of the New Year—Mary Warren Collins.
The Master's Plan—Dr. Pirtle.
Plan to Act—Margaret Litchfield.
Announcements.
Benediction.

THE EXEMPTION BOARD.

The local exemption board is as busy as a bee hive mailing out those perplexing questionnaires to the draft boys and the lawyers are quite as busy assisting in making out their answers to the long list of questions. Only a very few of those filling out their papers fail to set out grounds for exemptions. The stenographers charge the boys a trifling fee for filling their papers, but make no charge for filling where the drafted man makes no exemption claims. So far the stenographers have lost very few fees by this rule. The last of the questionnaires will not be mailed out until about the 5th of January, and the seven days allowed for answering will run the active work of the board up to about the middle of January.

According to new regulations in England, women's shoes must not have uppers of leather exceeding 7 inches, nor of any other material exceeding 8 inches in height.

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75 Rooms.....single, \$2.00 per day; 2 people, \$2.00 each
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50 Front Rooms, single, 3.00 per day; 2 people, 2.50 each

Rooms with Private Bath:

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SOLDIER PRISONERS CRUCIFIED IN VIEW ON THEIR COMRADES.

New York, Dec. 22.—Crucifixion of Canadian and Scottish soldiers by Germans on the western front, with wholesale outrages on nuns in captured convents, are given by members of the Eleventh United States Engineer Regiment in letters received here today as the causes of a determination they express to fight to a finish and to give or take no quarter.

"If all of America could hear the horrible tales these refugees tell and see the country about us here," says one letter, "there would be five million American soldiers training for war and war loans would be oversubscribed by billions."

One of the officers of the regiment, in a letter to Robert Ridgeway, of the Public Service Commission, wrote:

Wanton Destruction.
"The devastated country and villages destroyed by shellfire, I suppose, must be expected. But the thing that makes one boil is the absolutely unnecessary and wanton destruction wrought by the retreating Hun. His usual wonderful and systematic methods have been applied to this destruction."

"Whole towns that have hardly been touched by shellfire have been completely destroyed by dynamite. We find notches cut in the few standing walls and marked with the size of the charge to be used. Evidently every building had been systematically prepared in that way, long in advance, for blowing up upon retirement."

"So homes, beautiful chateaux, garden walls, little summer houses are all blown up. Shade trees, flowering shrubs are cut down or the bark cut, so the trees will die. Cemeteries have been ransacked; graves and vaults opened; bones thrown about or in heaps on the ground. I have seen the cemeteries, that are awful sights; one body dragged halfway out of the casket; coffins broken open and the bones from several dumped into one. Evidently the boche was looking for jewelry, was simply 'malicious, or both.'"

"Those things could not be done without the knowledge and permission of the officers, and the thing is so complete that it looks as though it was all a part of an official program. I never did believe the stories we got in America of the outrages. I have to believe them now, and they are many times worse than the stories that I heard at home. Certain Canadian and Scottish battalions take no prisoners. They give and ask no quarter."

Outrages Unspeakable.
"The reason is that the boche has several times crucified the Canadian and Scotch prisoners and held them above the trenches in view of their battalions. In one such case a Canadian battalion went right over the top after the boches without orders. Very few of them have come back. A British chaplain told me that he knows personally of a Belgian convent where they found that fifty-seven out of eighty-two nuns had been violated when the boches fell back."

"I cannot understand what the mental operations or processes of the Hun can be. I cannot understand what his object can be. It must be the wrathful spite of a disappointed, degenerate mind. In fairness to our many very fine acquaintances of German birth in America, I will say that the German prisoners I have seen appear to be largely a different type from the German in America. They look not of a particularly high type. Maj. — does not agree with me in this. He says he can see among them the counterpart of every German he ever knew."

"The prisoners will not believe that we are American troops. They say, 'No, it is impossible. Our submarines have stopped all traffic between America and Europe.' That is the way with the German soldier, and I suppose every one in Germany is kept in ignorance of the true situation."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
AUSTRIA MAKES SECOND CALL FOR CHURCH BELLS

Copenhagen, Nov. 25 (By Mail).—A second requisition of church bells has taken place in Austria to the sorrow of the Catholic population of that country, according to advices received here. A limited number of bells had been spared, but the government came to the conclusion that further requisitioning was necessary, with the result that the church has had to sacrifice many more of its familiar and cherished bells to the never-satisfied Moloch of war. The

idea of substituting steel bells for bronze has not yet eventuated, owing to the onerous conditions stipulated by bell manufacturers, who demanded, among other things, that the price should be paid in foodstuffs for the workmen in the factories.

Chamberlain's Tablets.
Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

COL. JOUETT HENRY GOES TO CAMP SHELBY

Washington, Dec. 22.—Col. Jouett Henry, of Hopkinsville, Ky., who until December 6, was commanding officer of the Third Kentucky Infantry, was discharged from the army recently because of high blood pressure and physical inability to lead his command in France.

He has been here for several days trying to get his case reopened and Senator James has presented the merits of his claims at the War Department. Owing to the fine work he has done in promoting the war risk insurance he was recommended today as major in the National Guard, and was ordered to report to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to take charge of the war risk insurance promotion campaign on the Thirty-eighth National Guard Division.

The rank of Major is the highest that can be conferred on an officer in this line of work. He will not be sent abroad.

How to Prevent Croup.
In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

A bachelor between 30 and 50 stands more than twice the chance of passing away than a married man does; 31 out of every thousand bachelors pass away between those ages, and only 14 married men. With women the difference is not so great: 17 out of every thousand single women pass away and 14 married women. But in every case, from 20 to 80 the chances for life favor the married men and married women.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.
Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Natural Enough.
A sentry, an Irishman, was on duty for the first time at night. The officer of the day asked him: "Who goes there?" "Officer of the day," was the reply. "Then what are yez doing out at night?" asked the sentry.

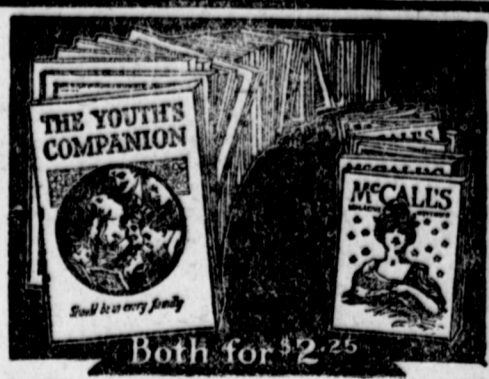
Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Full to Overflowing.
A Concordia doctor told the patient to drink water an hour before each meal. Two days later he asked the sick man if he was carrying out these instructions. "Well, not exactly," said the patient. "You see I drank for twenty minutes, doctor, but I was so full then I couldn't hold any more."

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Fine Text, Anyway.
Billy Sunday told a story at a luncheon about an apathetic Missouri congregation. "This bunch's preacher," he said, "had wrestled among 'em for thirty-seven years, and never an encouraging word but one he got in all that time." "He told me about it with tears in his eyes. He said he was on the way home to dinner when a deacon hailed him. The deacon shook him by the

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hand and then actually said: "Ah, parson, that was a beautiful text you preached from Sunday evening."

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An inquiry by the Department of the Interior shows that approximately 600,000 acres on various reclamation projects and an area of Indian lands almost as large are susceptible of cultivation.

2,600 INSPECTORS WORK TO PROTECT MEAT SUPPLY

All meats and meat products for the Army and Navy are obtained only from inspected establishments and bear the Government stamp "Inspected and passed." This stamp means that every step in the process of preparing the meat has been under the constant supervision of trained inspectors. At the camps all products are reinspected and laboratory analysis made to show that the food have not been made injurious by tampering.

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